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SUBJ: PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT

1. UN PRESS SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING FEB 8 SAID SYG HAS TAKEN NOTE OF KISSINGER-TACK AGREEMENT SIGNED YESTERDAY AND FEELS IT "VERY IMPORTANT AND POSITIVE STEP". HE NOTED IT IS BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO MEMBER STATES AND SAID SYG HOPES THERE WILL BE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHEN QUESTION IS CONSIDERED FURTHER BY TWO GOVTS.
 2. SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO RECALL MARCH 1973 SC SESSION IN PANAMA AND SYG'S STATEMENT AT THAT TIME, WHICH INTER ALIA APPEALED TO PANAMA AND US TO SEEK SOLUTION IN SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP. HE CONCLUDED: "THE SYG NOW FEELS THAT THE MEETING OF THE SC IN PANAMA MIGHT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPETUS FOR THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA AND WELCOMES DEVELOPMENT AS 'VERY POSITIVE STEP'."
 3. POLCOUNS TELEPHONED WALDHEIM'S PERSONAL ADVISER PROHASKA AFTERNOON FEB 8 AND DREW ATTENTION TO SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT. HE GAVE PROHASKA PERSONAL VIEW THAT PANAMA MEETING HAD IN FACT CONSIDERABLY DELAYED
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PROGRESS ON CANCAL ISSUE. HE WENT ON TO REMIND PROHASKA

THAT CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE SENSITIVE POLITICAL ISSUE
IN US AND URGED CAUTIOUS FUTURE REGARD FOR FACT THAT
NEITHER INTERESTS OF SYG AND UN NRO PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER
PROGRESS ON CANAL ISSUE ARE NECESSARILY SERVED BY
ASSERTIONS THAT BILATERAL STEPS ARE WORK OF UN.

4. PROHASKA SAID HE DID NOT THINK SYG HAD PERSONALLY
CLEARED SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT. HE PROMISED TO BRING
POLCOUNS'S REPRESENTATIONS TO ATTENTION OF SYG.
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